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NEW VALUE RECORD INCREASING SALES

May be Set in the Export Grain Trade

Telephone Supplies Out Stripping Foreign Competition

INCREASE IS SIGNIFICANT

MEXICO IS A GOOD CUSTOMER

Government Officials Have Watched the Almost Sensational Climb of the Export Figures in View of the Discussion of Crop Marketing Ways

The United States Has Nearly Seven Millions Miles of Wire Which Would be Impossible to Destroy in Detail or Reproduce as a Whole.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A new value record in the export grain trade of the United States may be set this year if that of the current three months ending June 30 shows up as large as expected. The latest figures issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor show that during the nine months ending March 31, more breadstuffs, from a value standpoint, were exported from this country than during the entire 12 months of the preceding year, and the grain exports for the full fiscal year promise to break all records since 1901. This big increase in grain exports is significant as showing where the United States got part of its cash during the panic last fall and the following period of business depression. Government officials here have watched the almost sensational climb of the export figures with unusual interest, in view of the discussion of crop marketing methods which has recently engaged the attention of Congress. It is pointed out that the insurance of exporters from risk by "hedging," or selling their shipments for future delivery abroad, played an important part in the process whereby this country was enabled to turn its grain into cash in such short order, and by which the producer could get within a few cents of the export's price at the seaboard, less the freight. As yet no substitute has been proposed for this system of selling for future delivery, certainly none which will not place the farmer and consumers at the mercy of fluctuations of price according to the seasons and their difference in supply and demand, which would be reflected as wide price fluctuations if there were no future delivery sales to give some stability to prices.

AGRICULTURAL BILL

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it was declared that certain sections would be shorn of its forests in 20, 30 or 40 years. They forgot, he said, that timber grows, and he declared that the timber supply is as great today as ever in the world's history. There is, he said, no danger of a timber famine. Senator Smoot took exception to the statement that the world's timber supply was as great as ever, Heyburn retorting that Senator from Utah might consult the map on the senate wall as a guide, he possessing "spirit of prophecy" which he (Heyburn) did not possess. Smoot said he could prove, not by prophecy, but by figures, that the timber of this country was being rapidly destroyed, and that there was not anything like the amount of timber in the country that there was 20 or 30 years ago.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

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session were taken up almost entirely by discussion of the roll calls caused by the refusal of the house to take recess at 5 o'clock as a result of a joke on the part of some of the Republicans to hold the Democrats in the House until the time when the Republican caucus was scheduled to be held. In this they were successful, the house finally, at 7:45, recessing until tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—According to the Bureau of Manufactures this country is increasing sales of telephone apparatus abroad, meeting and beating the Swedish competition. Nothing is more remarkable in the growing of the telephone industry, which, as shown in President Theodore N. Vail's recent report to the stockholders of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company has now reached a magnitude of nearly four million Bell telephones in this country alone, than the extent to which other countries are now demanding the standard Bell apparatus, manufactured by the Western Electric Company at its factories in New York and Chicago, which under Mr. Vail's new policy is now sold outright. A very large shipment of underground cable has just been shipped from this country and is due to arrive in the City of Mexico early this month, where it will be immediately installed in completing the new underground telephone system of that Spanish-American metropolis, where a new central energy switchboard has been installed. The whole republic of Mexico is becoming a remarkably good customer of late for American telephone apparatus. "The principal railroads, for example, such as the National Lines of Mexico and the Mexican Central have had installed in their offices in the leading cities switchboards of the same type are used by big business concerns in the United States, enabling them to connect all the different departments as well as facilitating connection with all the subscribers of the Mexican Telephone & Telegraph Company. Inasmuch as there is traffic connection between the lines of the Mexican Company and those of the Bell system, the rapidly growing network of wires in the republic to our southward may properly be accounted a part of the comprehensive system of the North American continent which, in the United States alone, has nearly 7,000,000 miles of wire, "the whole" as Mr. Vail says, "inter-dependent and inter-communicating, an aggregation or union impossible to destroy in detail, and impossible to reproduce as a whole."

NORRIS' SERIOUS CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—John Norris of New York, representative of the Newspaper Publishers' Association today repeated his statement before the special house committee that the American Paper Manufacturers bought large tracts of wood land in Canada and charges that instead of cutting timber on this land, which they have bought with almost recklessness, they have gone into the market and artificially marked prices themselves. He protested that the American consumers should not be saddled with penalties of such speculation. Norris produced figures showing that there had been a reduction in the price of pulp wood exported from Canada. He expressed the opinion that paper can be made for \$20 a ton.

SAILS FOR FRISCO.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., May 5.—The battleship fleet and torpedo flotilla sailed this afternoon for San Francisco.



RAY C. GOLLINGS

With "Dora Thorne" at the Astoria Theatre, Sunday Evening, May 10.

PILED UP IN THE CREEK

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to alarms in the driving rain. No casualties are reported.

The bodies of Engineer Carl Ward, of Evansville, Ind., and Fireman F. Chasm, of Howell, Ind., not Conductor Smith, who escaped, were recovered from the freight wreck during the morning.

The third trainman, believed to have been drowned, has not yet been found. Two men composing the crew of a dredge boat at Edgemont, Ill., are missing, and are believed to have lost. Five dwelling and a saloon were swept from their foundations by the flood that inundated French Village. The long trestle of an electric line near French Village was a haven for refugees.

Many thrilling rescues of persons from flooded homes have been reported. Arthur Baxter was swept away with his house, which was brought up against the electric line trestle, and Baxter was saved by a rope thrown to him from the bridge. Belleville was left without electric lights or power by the inundation of the Belleville Gas & Electric Company's plant.

Citizens of Zelleville estimate the monetary loss at \$100,000. The flood began to recede at noon.

BASEBALL SCORES.

At Portland—San Francisco 7, Portland 1.

At Seattle—Seattle 1, Tacoma 3.

At Vancouver—Vancouver 4, Spokane 0.

At Aberdeen—Butte 1, Aberdeen 7.

cisco under command of Admiral Evans. The farewell accorded the vessels was as demonstrative as their welcome. Early this morning the Connecticut sailed to Monterey to meet Admiral Evans, who came to that place on a special train. As soon as Admiral Evans got on board the Connecticut started on her return to Monterey.

PROTESTS INNOCENCE

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not, and if he thought she suspected him he would jump into the river.

Later in the day the subject was again brought up, she says, and then she begged him to leave her and not bring further disgrace upon her.

Mrs. Martin declared her husband told her in order to allay her suspicions he would go to the saloon and get the missing coat and vest. She said he left the house and did not return.

Martin used both morphine and cocaine, according to his wife's statement, and though they had done everything to wean him from drugs, their efforts had been unavailing. She says one reason of her suspecting Martin was the statement that the axe or hatchet had been used and Wolff's slayer had been a drug fiend. She says her husband had a hatchet concealed and at night would, on different occasions, leave their bed, and taking his hatchet, would stand before the window and brandish it at imaginary foes.

Martin was a graduate of West Point in the class of 1898. He passed his examinations with honor. He was dishonorably discharged from the army at Sandy Hook, a year later for conduct unbecoming an officer. Martin is said to have used drugs at that time. Martin's father is said to be a New York real estate broker and well to do. Martin has had no steady employment since coming to Portland.

VISIBLY PERTURBED

Wealthy Senators Scored by the Recent Message

A HUMOROUS STANDPOINT

The President Referred to a Multi-Millionaire as "a Man Whose Son Was a Fool and His Daughter a Foreign Princess."

WASHINGTON, May 5.—From a humorous standpoint, Mr. Roosevelt's latest message has made a hit in the Senate. Not a few of the solons of the upper house are possessed of enough worldly good to rate them as millionaires, and they were visibly perturbed over his references to the "crafty rich." The President referred to "a particular kind of multi-millionaire, a man of whom it has been well said that his face has grown hard and cruel, while his body has grown soft; whose son is a fool and his daughter a foreign princess." Those senators whose incomes are moderate much enjoyed the discomfiture of their colleagues who have the coin, and indulged in many a hearty laugh when these latter gentlemen were seen peering into the big mirrors in the lobbies, trying to discover if their faces have "grown hard and cruel." A number also were thoughtful enough to direct Senator Elkins' attention to the matter of the international matrimonial alliances, for, besides being very rich, the West Virginian's daughter is popularly supposed to be engaged to the Duke of Abruzzi, a member of Italy's royal family.

Fans in the Eighteenth Century.

A letter in the London Spectator dated May, 1711, gives a most interesting description of an academy where ladies could be drilled in the proper use of their fans and initiated into the mysteries of "the angry flutter, the modest flutter, the timorous flutter, the confused flutter, the merry flutter and the amorous flutter." In the eighteenth century at dancing assemblies in London, Bath and other places of fashionable resort gentlemen chose their partners by "lottery of the fan." The fans of all the ladies present were placed in a hat, whence each gentleman had the privilege of selecting one, the lady to whom it belonged becoming his allotted partner for the evening. Of course such a custom entailed a great study of fans on the part of the gentlemen. Boswell, Steele and Pope found something to say about the fan, and Guy, enlarging upon the efforts of his predecessors, wrote a long poem in praise of the fan, attributing its invention to Venus.

Had Showed Him the Right Way.

The colored boy was up in the children's court for the fifth time on charges of chicken stealing. This time the magistrate decided to appeal to the boy's father.

"Now, see here, Abe," said he to the old dorky, "this boy of yours has been up in court so many times for stealing chickens that I'm sick of seeing him here."

"Ah don't blame you, sah," returned the father. "Ah's sick ob seein' 'im hyah too."

"Then why don't you teach him how to act? Show him the right way, and he won't be comin' here."

"Ah has showed 'im de right way, sah," declared the old man earnestly. "Ah has suttinly showed 'im de right way, but he somehow keep gittin' 'taught comin' 'way wid dose chickens."

"—Woman's Home Companion.

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